

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action, claims 1-7 and 20-24 have been cancelled and replaced by new claims 25-36.

New main claim 25 is original claim 1 amended as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action. Support for claim 25 can be found in original claim 1 and on page 19, lines 16 to 37 with respect to (a); on page 27 lines 16-30 with respect to (b); and on page 8, lines 22-25, page 8, line 34 to page 9, line 15 and page 25, lines 12-26 with respect to (c) of the specification.

Claims 26-31 correspond to former claims 2-7 and claims 32-36 to former claims 20-24. Claim 34 (formerly 22) is now the withdrawn claim, which it is understood will be rejoined once the other claims are found to be allowable.

In the Office Action on page 2, last paragraph, the Examiner suggested that if applicant intends to rely on the unexpected characteristics of the polyketone fiber products by using specific steps in a process for producing them, then such steps and conditions need to be included in the claims. Main claim 35 now recites such "steps and conditions."

Accordingly, it is believed for all of the reasons set forth in the Reply filed January 28, 2008 supported by the Declaration of Mr. Mouta filed April 10, 2008, that the new claims 25-36 are not anticipated by or obvious over JP'242, JP'641 or EP'752.


A Request for Continued Examination is being filed with the Reply to permit the Examiner to consider the amended claims at this time.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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